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Interview Summary	Application No. 10/787,467	Applicant(s) WHITNEY, KRISTOPHER CRAIG	
	Examiner Elmira Mehrmanesh	Art Unit 2113	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Elmira Mehrmanesh. (3) _____
 (2) Phillip Avruch. (4) _____

Date of Interview: 03 August 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: 4, and 12-14.

Identification of prior art discussed: Emerson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,173,341) and Odenwald et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,223,240).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Proposed amendments to claims 12-14 were discussed. Please refer to the attached summary for further details.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Interview Summary

In an applicant initiated telephonic interview on August 03, 2007, with a follow up interview on August 09, 2007 with the applicant's representative, Phillip Avruch, the following arguments were presented with regards to claims 4, and 12-14 of the present application discussing the prior art Emerson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,173,341) in view of Odenwald et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,223,240).

As per claim 4, the rejections of record and the amendment filed July 12, 2007 regarding the failure or malfunction of the input/output processor were discussed. Claim appear to have overcome the prior art, but are subject to an updated search.

As per claims 12-14, the applicant's representatives proposed an amendment with the possible cancellation of claims 13 and 14 and the addition of the limitations of the above claims to claim 12 in order to place claim 12 in condition for allowance. The Examiner stated that the proposed amendment is subject to further review and an updated search.

In the follow up interview, the Examiner stated that the proposed amendments of claims 12-14, fails to place claim 12 in condition for allowance.